

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 204  
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jerry Brummett Escue on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Escue is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for seven years as the President of Jackson Christian School; and

WHEREAS, though Mr. Escue is taking a much deserved retirement, his contributions and dedication to education will be remembered for years to come; and

WHEREAS, he received an extensive education beginning, graduating from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee; receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, with a major in Physical Education and a minor in Biology; and earning a Master of Arts degree in Secondary Administration from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Escue entered the educational work force in 1962, serving a year with Gosnell High School as a teacher and a coach; he then moved on to fill a similar role for Covington City Schools from 1963-1967; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Escue rendered excellent service as a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, Junior High Principal, and a Senior High Principal at McKenzie Special School from 1967-1978; and

WHEREAS, from 1978-1987, he served Memphis Harding Academy as a teacher, a coach, and as the Director of Development; and

WHEREAS, from 1987-1988, he stood as President of Columbia Academy before returning in 1988 to Memphis Harding Academy as its Vice-President of Development; in 1998, Mr. Escue stepped in as President of the Jackson Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Escue is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Escue also contributes his time and numerous talents to serving his church faithfully in every capacity. He currently attends the Campbell Street Church of Christ, and he has served in leadership roles as a deacon and an elder with different Churches of Christ throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Escue exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, this remarkable man is most thankful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-five years, Dorothy Christmas Escue; his children, David, Laura, and Carolyn; and his grandchildren, Garrett, Colin, Jacob, Baylor, Halley Beth, Caroline, and Cassie; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jerry Escue has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we thank Mr. Escue on a meritorious tenure served in education and commend him for his excellent leadership as the President of the Jackson Christian School, extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.